

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

President **Graham Harker** opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 14 members and 4 visitors present. He invited members of **Maidstone & Mid-Kent Philatelic Society** to give their displays.



Maidstone & Mid-Kent Philatelic Society presenters from left to right:-

John Mortimore
Bob Higgins
Brian Stonestreet
Tony Davies

Red Coats – Thematic Display
KGVI Gibraltar
New Zealand Definitive issues
Victorian 2d Blues

Firstly **John Mortimore** showed his thematic display of “**Red Coats**” which was a well presented history of British Army regiments with Red Coats from the Civil War period, 1642-51, until their final appearance on the battlefield which was in the Sudan in 1885. The uniforms of the many different regiments and their badges were illustrated in stamps and other ephemera. It was a colourful and informative display.

Bob Higgins followed with his “**KGVI Gibraltar**” which displayed all the definitives from 1938 to 1951 including the six different printings, blocks, imprints, varieties, such as the “Ape & Rock”, “Bird above Rock” and “Extra rock flaw” followed by specimens.

In the second half **Brian Stonestreet** displayed his **New Zealand Definitive Issues** starting with the KGVI 1938 “Officials” values, different printings, blocks . From 1941 colour changes, extra wide selvage, Die 16 plate booklet panes, watermarks including inverted and the QEII officials were shown. A number of covers were on display demonstrating the use of these stamps.

Tony Davis brought the Maidstone P.S. Team display to a close with his impressive **Victorian 2d Blues** which did not appear until 8 May 1840, two days after the 1d Black. Tony showed a comprehensive selection of perf. and imperf. stamps from different plates, flaws, varieties and even forgeries. There were also some fine covers including one from the Metropolitan Police with 13 perforated 2d blues and another was a 6d value addressed to Hanover.

President **Graham Harker** thanked the visitors for such an enjoyable evening and coming all the way from Maidstone to provide such a high standard of quality material. He closed the meeting at 21.20 hours.

Brian Asquith/Graham Harker
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